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Alleged maladministration of the Panchayat Board, Nellikuppam, South Arcot district.

* 672 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation from the members of Nellikuppam Panchayat Board of South Arcot district, dated 28th August 1953, praying for the cancellation of the resolution of the Board, dated 25th August 1953, as being unconstitutional and highly injurious to public interest; and

(*b*) what were the acts of maladministration of the Board recorded by the Inspecting authority and the action taken by the Government?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASWAMI PADAYACHI :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir. A copy of petition, dated 25th August 1953, addressed to the Collector of South Arcot, was received.

" (*b*) The enquiry by the inspecting officers into the allegations did not reveal any instance of maladministration and no action was therefore indicated against the panchayat."

Formation of Works Committees in all the industrial concerns.

* 673 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether all the industrial concerns in our State have formed Works Committees?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" No, Sir."

Police interference with the harvest in Poovanur village, Mannargudi taluk.

* 674 *Q.*—SRI P. VENKATESA SHOLAGAR : Will the Hon the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representation was received by the Government from the tenants of Poovanur village of Mannargudi taluk, regarding police interference on 2nd and 3rd February 1954 with their harvest and forcibly getting a signature from them to hand over the entire produce to the landowners; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

Sinking of a bore-well at Kodukkur, Udayarpalayam taluk.

* 675 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there was any proposal to erect a boring pump-set at Kodukkur village, Udayarpalayam taluk:

(*b*) whether it has since been dropped; and

(*c*) if so, the reasons?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) No.

(It is presumed that the hon. Member refers to the sinking of a bore-well for agricultural purpose.)

" (b) & (c) Do not arise."

Income from sales tax and Inter-State trade.

* 676 Q.—SRI T. ANANTHA PAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state the estimated income for the State from the sales tax on Inter-State trade arising out of the Supreme Court's interpretation of Article 286 of the Constitution?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" About Rs. 78,48,361."

Grant of house-sites to Harijans in the City of Madras.

* 677 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) whether any Harijans were granted house-sites in the City of Madras in the year 1953; and

(b) if not, why?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) Does not arise."

Construction of a road in North Malabar.

* 678 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to construct a road in North Malabar avoiding the French territory of Mahe, when going from South to North?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Yes Sir, to provide greater facilities to the public."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, I want to put a supplementary question."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have already told the House that there are a number of important Bills before it. If the hon. Member puts it as a separate question, I will have it placed before the House."

Assignment of reserve forest lands to Harijans of Kattumailur, Vriddhachalam taluk.

* 679 Q.—SRI M. KATTIMUTHU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government received any mahazar from the landless Harijans of Kattumailur village, Vriddhachalam taluk.